

May

Gallatin County 4-H Newsletter

2006



Big Timber Waterslide's Gallatin County 4-H Day

All Gallatin County 4-H families are invited to participate in 4-H Waterslide Day, Saturday, July 29, 2006 at the Big Timber Waterslide. Members of 4-H will receive a discounted rate of \$9.95 per person for the day. (Regular rates are \$14.95 for teens and \$10.95 for 12 and under). Transportation is on your own and reservations and payments must be made in advance to the 4-H office by calling 582-3280.

Demonstration Day Participants

Congratulation to all Demonstration Day Participants. Everyone did a wonderful job. Congratulations to the Manhattan Spud Rustlers and the Manhattan Clever Clovers Club. Both clubs received a \$25 certificate from Pizza Hut in Belgrade for the greatest percentage of participants. Thank you to the following participants:

14+ year olds – Demonstration: Elisha Woienski-1st, Karissa Woienski-2nd

14+ year olds – Speech: Randie Adams-1st, Sierra Reyher-2nd, Jesse Pierce-3rd

11-13 year olds – 1st year demonstration: Sydney Heckel-1st, Tana Pena-2nd, Beker Cuelho-2nd, Blu Cuelho-3rd, Jessica Wyse-4th, Lilly Brogger-5th

11-13 year olds – 2nd year or more demonstration: Codi Francis-1st, Quincy Galiger-2nd, Austin Reyher-3rd, Martin Townsend-Red, Diana Griffing-Red, Kyndra Taylor-Red

9-10 year olds – 1st year demonstration: Ezra Cuelho-Purple, Ira Cuelho-Purple, Layne Oliver-Blue, Tessa Miller-Blue, Sarah Phipps-Blue, Abby Brogger-Red

9-10 year olds – 2nd year or more demonstrations: Madison McLaughlin-Purple, Amanda Swanson-Purple, Mariah Harvey-Purple, Barry Francis-Purple, Leah Woienski-Purple, Jerry Townsend-Blue, Maegen Miller-Blue

Cloverbuds – Jordan Wyse, Miles Miller– Green Ribbons

LEADERS COUNCIL MEETING

The Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council will meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade. Bring your appetite and a few bucks for pizza. **Next meeting date is May 9, 2006.** The public is always welcome to attend, however the Council may go into Executive Session for issues of confidentiality and close a portion of the meeting to the public.

4-H Livestock Marketing and Poster Making Workshop Scheduled

All 4-H members hoping to get a good price for their market animal at the Fair this year are invited to attend the 4-H Marketing Workshop to be held on Tuesday, May 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the community room at the Gallatin County Courthouse on Main Street in Bozeman. The workshop will also include tips on how to create an eye-catching poster as your educational option. (Have you every thought of using your option poster as a marketing tool?)

Megan McGlothlen, Marketing Professional and Murdoch's Ranch and Home executive, will present effective ways to market your animal to potential buyers from initial contact to follow-up as well as poster/display tips and techniques. This workshop will count toward a required workshop for your market animal project. Please call 582-3280 to RSVP so that we can plan our materials accordingly.

Big Brothers/Sisters Looking for Mentors

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a national organization that has been reaching out to children for the past 100 years. In 1973 the Gallatin County office opened and personnel have been working in local communities for 33 years. The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Gallatin County is to help children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-on-one relationships. We serve communities of Gallatin County and have satellite offices in Ennis and West Yellowstone. In addition to our traditional community based matches, we offer mentors programs in area schools. High School students in Belgrade and Bozeman are mentors to children at Monforton School, Gallatin Gateway and Belgrade grade schools. America Reads is another mentor program in Belgrade and is in partnership with RSVP. In 2005, 612 children were a part of our program in Gallatin County. While many have benefited today there are 59 kids waiting to be matched with a Big Brother, Big Sister, or Big couple. If you know of a child who would benefit for our program or would like to make a difference in a child's life, please contact Big Brothers Big Sisters at (406) 587-1216. You can also visit our website at www.bigbrotherssisters.org for more information and our application procedure.

Note to Leaders:

At the April 4-H Council Meeting a recommendation was made for a grant to the 4-H Foundation requesting money for start up kits for new clubs. These kits would include flags, a gavel, and a banner with the pledge written on it and a tote bag to store it all in. We were wondering how many other clubs needed these items. Please call the Extension Office at 582-3280 and let them know which items you would like so we can look at our budget and see what we can do or if we need to write another grant to try to get all clubs to have the same general supplies. Thanks for your help on this and thanks most of all for all you do as a Leader – 4-H would not exist without you!!!

Ag Communications Scholarship

Applications are now available online for the first annual Ag Communications Scholarship, presented jointly through Agri-News, Stockman Bank, Western Livestock Reporter, and Northern Ag Network. As many as three scholarships totaling up to \$4,500 will be awarded in May to graduating high school seniors planning to attend a college or university with the long-term goal of working in ag communications. Preference will be given to students from ag backgrounds who want to serve rural people in their careers. A printable version of the application is available online at www.cattleplus.com. Deadline is May 15.

Eagle Mount

Eagle Mount would like to thank the 4-H clubs in the area for their community efforts and for those who have made a donation. We would like to invite you to be a part of our upcoming Western Rendezvous, June 10, 2006 at Eagle Mount. This is a family fun event that will be starting at 4 pm, children will enjoy the Little Cowpoke's Carnival, which will include a climbing wall, inflatables, carnival games, face painting, and lots of other stuff that kids love. As in the past, we'll be cookin' up some fun with our signature event sponsored by Murdoch's Home and Ranch Supply on Saturday night – the annual whole hog barbecue, the silent and live auctions, and dancing to the smooth country sounds of Montana Rose.

Eagle Mount is a private nonprofit 501(c)(3), charitable organization that is dedicated to providing recreation for children and adults with physical and/or mental disabilities and for children with cancer. In addition, Eagle Mount also provides emotional support and encouragement for participant's families. Since the founding of Eagle Mount in 1982, the organization has developed four main programs, they include: the Ski program, Aquatic Therapy program, the Therapeutic Horseback Riding program and the Big Sky Kids Cancer Camps. As well as having these programs, Eagle Mount has gone above and beyond this by having smaller programs such as cross country skiing, ice skating, adaptive golf, horticulture, kayaking, fishing and Saturday Night Out; a program designed for children with disabilities to spend one evening a month socially interacting as well as respite time for the participant's family.

Of course, none of this could be done without our 1,700 volunteers and countless donations from individuals and community organizations and businesses. Eagle Mount wants to invite you to be a part of the action by either volunteering at the Kid's Carnival or creating a carnival activity to be played by children at the carnival. If you are interested please contact Regina Demis at 586-1781. We appreciate your support and we look forward to seeing you at the Western Rendezvous.



Shooting Sports Information

Congratulations

Congratulations to Michelle Everett and ReAnn Wilson. ReAnn received the Silver Medal in the J3 age group in Women's Air Rifle. Michelle Everett received the Bronze Medal in overall Women's Air Pistol. ReAnn and Michelle competed in the Junior Olympics held at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. They are representing Gallatin County 4-H to the fullest. Great Job!



Qualifying Event for National 4-H Shooting Sports - Archery

Montana's first-ever qualifying event for the 4-H Shooting Sports National Invitational Tournament will be held in Helena on Saturday, May 13, 2006, at the Helena Gun Club range beginning at 8 a.m. Match events include Recurve and Compound. Recurve and compound archery are different competitions, but will shoot the same events. This 4-H match will use one standard for equipment for all events. Procedural rules, course of fire, scoring, etc. will follow the NGB unless otherwise noted. The registration fee is \$20. For a registration form or more information, call the 4-H office at 582-3280.

Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador

Beginning in 2006, 2 teen ambassadors will be chosen to represent Montana 4-H Shooting Sports. Shooting Sports Ambassadors will serve for one year. For example, ambassadors selected during summer of 2006 will represent Montana 4-H Shooting Sports for the 2006-2007 4-H year.

What is the role of a teen Shooting Sports Ambassador?

Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors represent 4-H Shooting Sports for public relations purposes at special events and with the general public, 4-H groups, schools and media contacts. Ambassadors serve as spokespersons for the Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Program at the state and county level, helping to make the 4-H Shooting Sports program more visible. Ambassadors will further develop their skills in leadership, public presentation, citizenship, community service, public relations, team building, and will continue and expand their involvement in 4-H Shooting Sports beyond the shooting and competitive levels. Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors will serve on the Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee and will be expected to attend 2 meetings per year. Contact the Extension Office for an application. Deadline is June 1, 2006.

The Headwaters Rifle Club, (HRC) and its Junior Division are associated with the Civilian Marksmanship Program. The Civilian Marksmanship Program is a non profit organization with the objectives to provide training and development of firearms safety and education. The club has equipment consisting of surplus military firearms and ammunition.

The HRC conducts various types of rifle marksmanship trainings from basic to advanced courses. There is no cost to junior (ages 10-18) to join the club and for the use of ammunition. Senior membership is \$10.00 per year and the cost of ammunition ranges from 15 cents to 25 cents depending on the caliber. The HRC owns several makes and models of .22 cal target rifles, .30 cal Carbines and M1 Garands that are used in the training sessions and shoots.

The Gallatin County 4-H Smallbore Program would like to organize a training session with the Headwaters Rifle Club. This training session will introduce shooters to the next step of shooting, (High Powered Rifles). This session would be held later in the spring or early summer. **If there are any members of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program that is interested in participating in this program**, contact Scott Francis, 284-6843, Tom Everett, 388-9076, or the 4-H Office at 582-3280.

Horse

Horse Committee Members: Misty Radue, 388-6655; Amy Lewis, 580-6693; Katie Cooper, 580-9278, Dana Adams, 587-3072; Barb Barber, 282-7030; Jeff Cooper, 388-1624.

The next Horse Committee Meeting is May 15th at 6:30 pm at the Kountry Korner Kafe in Four Corners.

HELMETS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL HORSE RELATED 4-H ACTIVITIES. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!! Helmets are ready to be picked up. Call Katie to make arrangements.

If you haven't filled out a 2005-2006 contract yet, or haven't turned in your horse ID cards, please do so ASAP at the 4-H office. Call Katie with questions. All contracts and ID cards must be finalized by May 1st. People missing these items will be in jeopardy of not being able to show at fair!!!!

If you assess, please contact the 4-H office to let them know. There are several discrepancies, and in order to participate in fair you must be listed in the correct level at the 4-H office.

Horsemanship:

May 21st: Tri Workshop. Starts at 9:00 am at the Fairgrounds. Bareback, Trail, and Showmanship. Counts as three workshops, but can't be your only workshop for fair. If interested in an English session, please let Katie know when you pre-register and she will try to add one. Pre-register at 580-9278 by May 15th.

Green Horse/C2M:

Call Barb at 282-7030 to pre-register.

Ranch Horse:

Call Jeff at 388-1624 to pre-register.

Horseless Horse:

May 8th at the Fellowship Baptist Church from 5:30-6:30. Last workbook meeting, so bring your questions.

Upcoming Horse Events:

May 5-7: State 4-H Horse Show

June 11: Pre-fair 4-H Horse Show. Pre-register at the 4-H office.

June 17-18: MSHSA 4-H Fundraiser Show: -18th. Please contact Katie Cooper or Christine Holland at 388-0829 for more information.



ATTENTION ALL HORSE MEMBERS: The Horse Committee is sponsoring a Montana State Horse Show Association (MSHSA) Horse Show this year for our main fundraiser. In order to make it work, we are asking you to solicit donations for the show. Look in your club's box at the 4-H office, or contact the 4-H office for the donation forms. All donations need to be turned in to the 4-H office by the end of April. **PRIZE TO THE CLUB WITH THE MOST DONATIONS!!!** Money from the show will go towards bringing in more clinicians at reduced prices, and providing better/more highpoint prizes at the Fair. Call Katie with questions.

Summer Fun in Bozeman Open Horse Show

Don't miss the "Summer Fun in Bozeman" open horse show fundraiser for the Gallatin County 4-H Horse program to be held on June 17-18, 2006 at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. This show has been approved by the Montana State Horse Show Association and is an American Paint Horse Association special event as well as a APHA Paint Alternative Competition. Affordable fees are required depending on the classes you wish to participate in. For complete details, contact the Gallatin County MSU Extension Office at 582-3280 or 4-H leaders Christine Holland (388-0829) or Katie Cooper (580-9278) or on-line at www.gallatinextension.com, choose 4-H and then Summer Fun in Bozeman.

**Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council
April 11, 2006
MacKenzie River Pizza, Belgrade, MT**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:36 pm by President, Ginny Francis.

ROLL CALL: Council members present were Ginny Francis, Rita Nixon, Todd Kesner, Kathy Cheney, Brenda Townsend, Betsey Heckel and Kelley Phipps. Guests present were Chris Phipps and Sonja Berg.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: Kathy moved, seconded by Brenda, that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried. A thank you letter was received from the 4-H Foundation for Gallatin County's support at the Foundation Dinner. A thank you letter was also received for the license plate donation from Gallatin County.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kelley moved, seconded by Brenda that the Treasurer's Report was approved as written. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

- Square Table: "Fun, Frolic, and 4-H: Come Play with Us!" is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2006, at 6:30 pm, at the Belgrade Middle School. This is open to 4-H leaders, families, and members. We are asking for RSVP's, as there is money set aside to fund a meal for this event.
- Demo Day: There were 40 kids signed up to give presentations, and 35 presentations given. Scheduling this on two nights worked quite well. The two top clubs for turnout were the Spud Rustlers at 42% and Clever Clovers at 41%. These clubs received a \$25.00 gift certificate for a pizza party.
- Montana 4-H Foundation Dinner: Eleven thousand dollars was raised at the dinner. Todd and Lisa Kesner, Ginny and Scott Francis, Dana and Randy Adams, and Kelley and Chris Phipps attended the dinner and had a wonderful time. A thank you was given to the Councils for the opportunity to attend.
- New Pre-teen Leadership Project: Todd Kesner, Kathy Cheney, and Pat Stackhouse have been meeting to get this new project rolling. This will be a project open to 6th to 8th grade members running for eight meetings. This project will help teach leadership with the hopes to have these kids help run the project along with the involvement of the Junior and Senior Ambassadors. The start date for this project will be September 2006.

OLD BUSINESS:

- New Ambassadors Needed: There have been no applications received for these positions. This is a two year commitment. This is open to anyone who turned 14 year of age by October 01, 2005 and older. Applications are due May 01, 2006. Brenda move, seconded by Kathy, that Todd consult with the current Ambassadors and pick the new Ambassadors. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Food Project Sales at Fair: Brenda moved, seconded by Kathy, that the sale be Wednesday after judging. Prices for food items shall be set by the Food Supervisor. One half of the proceeds are to be evenly split between the participants, and the remaining half go back to 4-H, place to be determined. Motion carried.
- National 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament Funds: Six kids qualified to go to Nationals in Rapid City, SD in June. Kathy moved that \$100.00, taken from the Late Fee Scholarships, be given to each kid that qualified for Nationals. Motion carried. In the Junior Olympics, two participants from Gallatin County placed 2nd and 3rd.
- WRLF Call for Proposals: WRLF is looking for project proposals. The due date for these proposals is April 30, 2006.
- Big Timber Water Slide Trip: Brenda moved, seconded by Kathy, that there be a county wide Big Timber Water Slide Trip on July 29, 2006. RSVP's required. Motion carried.
- State Leaders Forum Call for Proposals: Application deadline for proposals is April 30, 2006. The workshop will be held at U of M in Missoula on September 30 - October 01, 2006
- District 6 Leaders Meeting: The April 01, 2006 meeting in Harlowton was cancelled due to lack of interest. It is rescheduled to be held in Gallatin County in the fall.
- MSU Horse Camp Scholarships: Five requests for scholarships has been received. Todd has forward this information on to reserve their spots. Kathy moved, seconded by Brenda, that the five kids requesting scholarships receive \$100.00 out of the Late Fee Scholarships. Motion carried
- Alternative School Grant: Kathy moved, seconded by Brenda, that the grant application be forwarded to the Foundation to approve the full amount requested. Motion carried. There will be discussion at the next meeting of how to get other clubs up to speed.
- Club Start-Up Grant: Kathy moved, seconded by Kelley, that the grant application be forwarded to the Foundation to approve the full amount requested. Motion carried.
- Memorial Picnic Table Grant: Betsy moved, seconded by Brenda, that the grant application be forwarded to the Foundation will recommendations to approve \$200.00 of the requested \$381.00, with the suggestion to explore other sources. Motion carried.
- National Tree: Around the National Christmas Tree, is a tree representing every state. Dillards, in Billings, has been doing the Montana's state tree in years past, and are willing to give it up and allow Gallatin County 4-H to take on decorating the State Tree. Brenda moved, seconded by Kathy, that Gallatin County 4-H decorate the Montana State Tree in Washington, DC. Motion carried.
- Dinosaur Theme Playground: The Dinosaur Theme Playground is looking for kids to donate their time on September 05-11, 2006.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- April 17, 2006 - Horse Committee
- April 20, 2006 - Gallatin 4-H Foundation meeting
- May 09, 2006 - Gallatin 4-H unlimited Leaders Council meeting
- June 10-11, 2006 - Willow Creek Classic
- June 18-23, 2006 - Gallatin County 4-H Summer Camp

ADJOURNED: 8:26 pm by President, Ginny Francis.

Kelley Phipps, Secretary

WILLOW CREEK CLASSIC
June 10-11, 2006
SQUAW CREEK – GALLATIN COUNTY

REGISTRATION

NAME (INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY) _____

IF INDIVIDUAL - BIRTHDATE ____/____/____ GENDER (F) (M)

TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING _____

ADDRESS _____ MT _____
Street/Box City State Zip

COUNTY _____ TELEPHONE (406) _____

Group Represented:

____ Boy Scouts ____ Girl Scouts
____ FFA ____ 4-H
____ Other (name) _____ ____ Attending Independently

REGISTRATION FEES

Includes All Meals \$17.50 per person \$ _____
\$60.00 per family (4 or more) \$ _____
Check # or Cash _____

(Musicians willing to play during campfire may be eligible for a fee waiver!!!
Let your County MSU Extension Agent know about your talent.)

LATE FEE, AFTER JUNE 2 - \$5.00 PER PERSON OR \$20.00 PER FAMILY

Registration is limited to the first 60 participants!

I, _____ being the parent or legal guardian of
_____ certify that he/she is _____ years of age and grant per-
mission for him/her to participate in the 2006 **WILLOW CREEK CLASSIC**. I will not hold the sponsor-
ing organizations responsible in the case of an accident. I also hereby authorize, in advance, any necessary
medical treatment required by _____ while he/she is absent from home, June 10 and
11, 2006. Phone number and person to contact in case of emergency:
_____.

Mail To: Gallatin County MSU Extension Office Check Payable To:
901 N. Black Ave., Bozeman, MT 59715 Gallatin County 4-H

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 2, 2006

Pot-a-Posy at Murdoch's

Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply is looking for 4-H volunteers to assist them with Pot-a-Posy for Mother's Day on Saturday, May 13th. The event lasts from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and 4-6 volunteers are needed to help children plant flowers in small containers. The time slot could be broken into shifts.

Interested 4-H clubs or projects could conduct a bake sale or any other fundraising idea during the event. If your group is interested in signing up, please call the 4-H office immediately at 582-3280 so that we may schedule you with Murdoch's.



2006 Murdoch's/4-H Event Dates

As an Official Sponsor of 4-H, Murdoch's has donated over \$2,000 in cash alone to the Gallatin County 4-H program in the past year. Their in-kind and facilities donations are well over that. This relationship has been built on the participation of quality 4-H members involved in in-store events.

The following dates available for 4-H fundraisers or awareness/educational clinics. If your club or project is interested in participating in any of the following events, please contact the 4-H office at 582-3280 for an event form.

Planned Murdoch's/4-H Activities:

May 13	Pot-a-Posy
July 15	Dog Wash
August	Pig Roast (Tentative)
October 28	Pet-O-Ween
November 4	Kamikaze Pumpkin Drop (Select Markets)
November	Gift Wrapping (11.23 – 12.24 Weekends Only)
December 9 & 10	Santa Paws (Miles City, Craig, Longmont)



Montana 4-H Congress

4-H Step Up - Step Out, July 11-14 @ MSU. Montana 4-H Congress provides youth from across the state an opportunity to come together on the Montana State University campus in Bozeman for 4 days and participate in an event like no other. Congress offers both youth and adults a venue in which to learn, be challenged, and most of all have a great time with their peers. Its purpose is to provide a safe and fun environment for youth to experience all that 4-H congress has to offer including: contests, workshops, entertainment, social events and much more. Youth who attend Montana 4-H Congress are given a unique opportunity to STEP UP to the challenge of STEP-PING OUT of their comfort zone and have a great time doing it! Contact the Extension Office for application, deadline is June 15.



Beef News

12th Annual Mountain Magic Junior Classic

The 12th Annual Mountain Magic Junior Classic will be held at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds on **May 20th**. This Steer and Heifer show is open to all 4-H, FFA, and Junior Association members. If you have not attended the MMJC in the past and wish to be added to receive entry forms please contact: Sally or Buck Smith Home: 388-7238 or Work: 585-9692



Montana Junior Beef Expo slated for June

The 15th Annual Montana Junior Beef Expo has been set for **June 8-10, 2006**. This annual youth event will again be held at the Central Montana Fairgrounds in Lewistown. Many events are being lined up to keep everyone involved and busy. Some of the many events include the jackpot steer show, open showmanship, eight individual breed shows, team fitting contests, team sales contests and don't forget the annual exhibitor/family BBQ. Entries will be sent out the beginning of May. If you did not receive entry information last year or have any questions, please contact Mike Vanek or Mardi Linhart at 406-538-2164 or send an email to mmcattle@midrivers.com. If you have a heifer or steer in your show pen, come to Expo, meet some new friends and have some fun.

3rd Annual Marias and Teton Feeder Show

We are very pleased to announce the 3rd Annual Marias and Teton Feeder Show. This year the show will be in Shelby Montana on **June 3**, at the Fairgrounds. The show will be held in the Seewald Barn. This year in addition to the buckles and cash, we have a lot more prizes and hope everyone who attends has a great time. Our hope is to make this a great opportunity for the local youth to show their animal than just once. You put a lot of work and time into each animal; this is a great way to prepare them for future shows! Lunch will be available for sale through out the day. Contact the extension office for an entry form and also a list of the rules. Please fill the entry form out and get it back to the address listed as soon as possible. May 26, 2006 is the deadline.

CROCHET, KNITTING, AND EMBROIDERY PROJECTS

Crochet, Knitting, and Embroidery meetings will be held at 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm on **the fourth Monday of every month** at Rocky Mountain Supply. As a reminder, in order to complete your project and be allowed to display your work at fair, please plan on attending a minimum of three meetings per 4-H year. Please be considerate of Rocky Mountain Supply and let Kelley know if you are not able to attend. Rocky Mountain Supply charges for use of their facility, and generously allows our projects to use their facility free of charge. It is unfair that we have that night reserved if there is not going to be anyone in attendance. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Kelley Phipps at 406-599-1454.

Dog

4-H Dog Project Fun Match – Helena

The Lewis and Clark County 4-H Dog Project Fun Match will be held on **Saturday, June 3** in Helena. Classes include obedience, showmanship, and, tentatively, agility with prizes donated from local businesses. This is basically a fun competition for kids and their dogs. More information will be coming after the attendance numbers are estimated. If interested, call Wendy Brenden at (406) 495-7503. This will be a go if enough 4-Hers call.



State Fair Dog Show – Great Falls

Change of schedule!!! In the past, the State Fair Dog Show has been held in Great Falls the week prior to State Fair. This year it will be held on **Monday, June 5** at 6:30 p.m. at the King Equestrian Center one mile east of Great Falls. Entry forms for the show are due May 26th. Interested 4-H members may obtain an entry form by calling the Cascade County Extension Office at (406) 454-6980.

Introduction to Fly Fishing Meeting Scheduled

All sports fishing project members are invited to attend an Introduction to Fly Fishing Workshop on **Monday, May 22nd** at 7:00 p.m. in Building #4 at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. You will learn basic knots, casting, and the appropriate equipment for various conditions. By the end of the evening, you will have learned enough to start fishing on your own. If planning to attend, please RSVP to the 4-H Office at 582-3280 so that we can arrange for enough materials for all.

Photography

There are 2 photography meetings for the month of May. **Meeting 1 will be held May 16** at the Belgrade Middle School Home Ec Room. Park at North end of parking lot on Jackrabbit Ln. 6:30 for beginners, 7:30 for advanced. Bring your action and flash photo assignments. **Meeting 2 is May 23**, the 4th Tuesday, same time, same place. Assignment will be decided on the 16th. Call Kathy with questions, 388-3159.



Rabbit News:

We will have a practice showmanship day **on Sunday, May 7th** at 2:00 p.m. at Century Village in Manhattan. Bring your rabbits, we will be tattooing. Another workshop planned will be on Wednesday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m. at Brenda's house. We will tattoo, practice showmanship and practice judging. Call Brenda at 284-6434 if you have any questions or need directions.

Attention Scrapbookers & Animal Lovers!

Join us for the first annual "Critter Crop," a benefit for the Heart of the Valley Humane Society and Gallatin County 4-H Scrapbooking Project. **When: Sunday May, 7th 2006**, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm **Where:** The Gallatin County Fair Grounds, Building #1. Admission is a donated item for the Heart of the Valley Humane Society or a cash donation. Stop by to say "Hi" or bring your scrapbooking supplies and stay all day. There will be demonstrations on photo organization, stamping, and scrapbooking techniques and layouts. Vendors from Creative Memories, Stampin' Up, Sweat Pea Scraps and many more will be there to display all the latest in scrapbooking and stamping! You'll have the opportunity to benefit the 4-H scrapbooking project with a Silent Auction and Bake Sale. Plus, you could receive door prizes, and a chance to win one of two Grand Prize Drawings! For more information and to reserve your spot, please contact Elizabeth Cash at 582-1702 or by email at ecash1977@aol.com

Scrapbooking Project:

We will be having a meeting on **Wednesday, May 18th** at the Valley Bank of Belgrade from 6:15 pm-8:00pm. We will continue to work on our albums and journaling with a focus on page layouts and composition. Please bring \$1 for a Make-n-Take Border, your tools and scrapbooking supplies. We have extra tools and supplies available to use as well. Please call Elizabeth at 582-1702 if you have any questions. Club Historians are welcome to attend.

Sheep:

May 13: Tagging & Shearing from 8-11. Due to the cost of fuel - it is necessary to charge \$5.00 per lamb for tagging & shearing. **Please call Nancy before May 10th to set up a time. This will count for one of your required workshops, only if you stay and help work.**

Here is another way to satisfy your workshop requirements: If you do your own shearing of your lamb **FOR FAIR**, this will count as a workshop. This is the shearing before **FAIR**, not the shearing at the tagging and shearing workshop.

NO EXCEPTIONS!!! IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE AT FAIR, YOU MUST HAVE ATTENDED THREE WORKSHOPS.



Vet Science:

We have a field trip planned for this month on **May 9th, Tuesday**, at 6:30 at Katie Cooper's Horse Ranch. Call Shawna Halvorsen at 539-0895 with questions or for directions. **PLEASE BRING YOUR**

Todd D. Kesner

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FAIR ENTIRES - VERY IMPORTANT!!!!

ENTRY DEADLINE FOR FAIR: June 28th, 2006 (late entries will be accepted with a late fee from June 29 to July 5th. ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES AFTER JULY 5TH, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!). The 4-H pages of the Fairbook are ready to be picked up at the Extension Office. You can also find the pages on-line at www.gallatinextension.com. Follow these links: 4-H, 2006 Fair, and choose what section you wish to enter. There are also two entry forms on-line: a PDF form you can print or a PDF form you can fill in and then print.

May Birthday wishes to the following members and leaders:

1st: Britta Garbe; **2nd:** Matthew Gagnon, Zachary Walker,; **3rd:** Hannah Fraser, Mariah Hellebrandt, Molly Ward; **4th:** Ashton Carrier, Benjamin Clinton, Clara Kallenbach, Gavan Myers; **5th:** Elizabeth Anderson; **7th:** Ashley Stonecipher; **10th:** Laura Harvey, Kalena Paea; **11th:** Amelia Kittell, Kassie Meccage; **12th:** Amelia Farrier, Arlene Haugland, Khetri Johnson, PJ Snider; **13th:** Kevin Kelsey, Shannon Rust; **14th:** Rachel Morgan, Conner Switzer; **15th:** Cicely Hamlin, **Todd Kesner (4-H Agent);** **16th:** Rosie Nickelson; **17th:** Ali Jenkins, Molly Spencer; **18th:** Melissa Haley, Jeremy Heckel; **19th:** Steven Opp, Celia Walters; **20th:** Jonathan Burgard, Baylee Stratton; **21st:** Lacey Camp, Roscoe Townsend; **22nd:** Clare Cory, Dakota Robinson, Alison Weisz; **23rd:** Kenzie Brester, J. Ross Marler, Mitchell Ward; **24th:** Christopher George, Kayleen Hofman, Steve Maggard, Sylvis Robertson, **27th:** Jordan Collins, Kyle Joyce; **28th:** Marty Gagnon; **29th:** Catherine Callantine; **31st:** Chey Ayers

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